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Dear Josh:

As a necessary background to all that follows we should explain the purposes for which The Society . . . Scholarship exists. Acutely aware of the book-publication problems that confront our younger scholars in the academic world a few concerned indivduals organized this Society (commonly known as SPOSS). It is their intent to supplement the services rendered by university presses and commercial publishers by publishing meritorious works usually arising within our universities, which for financial reasons are rejected by others. Such is the course that the Society will pursue.

At its most recent meeting in January, the Trustees decided upon the formation of a companion organization, "Associates of the Society . . . Scholarship". In so doing, the Trustees are seeking as Associates some 25 or 30 concerned individuals who are in accord with the purposes for which the Society exists. We sincerely hope that you will permit us to include your name among the Associates. When the list is complete an appropriate letterhead, listing the Associates, will be prepared and will be used in seeking financial support from prospective individual donors. A letter such as the enclosed will be used in this appeal and will be sent over the signature of one of the Associates designated as Honorary Chairman. The Executive Director of the Associates will be Mrs. Robert P. Huff.

Associates will receive the Annual Report of the Society. It is not the intention of the Trustees to make demands upon their time such as attendance upon meetings. Their advice would always be most welcome, especially in respect of other people of prominence who, through a presumed interest in the world of scholarship, might be willing to serve as Associates of the Society. Names of possible donors would also be very helpful.

Foundation support will also be solicited by the Trustees. The Society has thus far received unsolicited gifts of about \$2700 and has benefited by the donation of all necessary services since incorporation in 1976: apart from attorney fees, no salaries have been paid.

* Hoggsly, Joh.

In addition to the enclosures mentioned in the accompanying copy of a proposed letter to prospective donors, we are adding a copy of our estimate of earned income and expense through 1980.

We would be grateful indeed if you would accept this invitation to be an Associate of the Society.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Murray Luck

on behalf of the Trustees of The Society for the Promotion of Science and Scholarship, Inc.

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Best wishes